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Mr. Towne, who is to address the Democrats at Wheeling today, says he is discouraged over the Democratic outlook.

The more the tax question is agitated and studied, the more plainly it can be seen that the anti-tax reformers have the bad end of the question. Let the good work go on.

All the laws passed by the extra session were bad and all that failed were "meritorious" according to the "antis." In the meantime John Cornwell is trying to explain his "attitude."

When the Republican orators and editors get straightened out in a real hand to hand conflict with the anti-tax reformers, what a talking to the tall timber there will be of the latter gentlemen.

The new tax laws were made by the farmer and for the farmer. Do the Democrats think he is fool enough to legislate against himself? It seems very hard to tell what a Democrat doesn't think.

Barnes Was N. G.

Our friend Walter Barnes made a great exhibition of himself at the opera house Tuesday night. It was announced that he would discuss National issues, and, naturally the crowd expected to hear something, but they were sadly disappointed, except that he in a loose disconnected and unintelligent manner, with the aid of his note books, made all manner of disparaging remarks about President Roosevelt, and made ridiculous allusions to his course and the Republican administration generally. Walter proved to be a decided failure as a public speaker and debater. The ordinary school boy does far better, and from the effect he made that night the Democratic party would do well for itself to cancel all dates he may have and send him back to looking after telephones and the like.—Clarksburg Telegram.

It looks like the effort that is being made to misrepresent the tax question and mislead the farmers is an insult to their intelligence. The farmers read for themselves and think for themselves, and if they do not know already they soon will know all about the tax laws, when it will dawn upon them that they more than any other class will be benefited by the recent legislation. The farmers have always been burdened most by taxation, and it was for their relief that the tax reform movement was started and which will not end until their taxes are reduced, as are those of their class in Ohio and Pennsylvania, to a mere pittance. This is the ultimate object of the tax reformers, and its accomplishment seems close at hand.

The State Journal will have more on the tax question as the campaign goes on. This taxing all property at its real value is what all honest men desire. It is only the tax dodgers and their friends, like the Parkersburg Sentinel, who do not want it done. The tax question is one of the simplest in the world. There is only so much tax to raise anyway, and to increase the valuation of property does not increase the taxes, excepting for those who have not paid their share. It will decrease those of the farmer and laboring man, for they have always paid their proportion and more. Now to catch the property that has not heretofore paid, especially at its real value, will aid them immensely.—Parkersburg State Journal.

John J. Cornwell says no provision has been made for increasing the assessment of railroads. Have railroads under the present law been assessed on the market value of their shares of capital stock and the true and actual value of all their properties and investments? Besides every point which Mr. Cornwell contends against is embodied in the original report of the tax commission for which document Mr. Cornwell has suddenly developed great sympathy though neither he nor any other Democratic leader has said that if elected they will try to enact the commission report into law.—Wheeling News.

We dislike to be so plain in our language as we sometimes are, but we feel a little like Collier's Weekly said recently about Henry Watterson. It said "Watterson was never known to call a spade anything but a damned shovel," and sometimes it takes vigorous language to give some things their proper names. If we hear any more about that colonization fairy tale we shall call for the source of the information or let the author "stand branded as a slanderer and falsifier."

In discussing the tax views of a Democratic paper published in Fairmont, the Wheeling News says that "as sure as fate if the new assessment law is properly enforced in Marion there will not be a farmer in the county who will not have the total amount of his taxes reduced." Certainly he will, for all the tax bills were framed in the interest of the farmer, who has heretofore paid more than his share of taxes.

Charles W. Donnelly, of Cumberland, a conspicuous Bryan Democrat in the past eight years, caused surprise Monday by declaring for Roosevelt. In 1896 he wrote an article for free silver, when editor of the Independent, that attracted much attention in Maryland. He measured swords with Asabel Willison, the Gorman leader, in primary fights, defeating him.

William F. Creeland, of New York, a publisher of textile trade journals, has completed a canvass of the trade publications to learn their attitude towards the National tickets. These publications are non-partisan. Mr. Creeland's canvass shows that out of 803 of these publications, 768 are for Roosevelt and Fairbanks.

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PROMISE AND PERFORMANCE.

Candidate Cornwell talks very glibly of the Democracy's plans for the reform of our tax laws, but fails utterly to outline any detailed proposition which will relieve the people and equalize the burdens. Mr. Cornwell says the Democratic idea is to relieve the taxpayers gradually and surely, but he does not reveal how or when the thing is to be done. In recent articles attempting to reply to the Hon. George C. Sturgis he tells a tale of Democratic obstruction of certain measures which have amply proven their efficiency, but on the main questions involved in tax bills agreed upon by the Republicans he is silent except for a few glittering generalities which will not fool the people.

If, as Mr. Cornwell avers, the Democratic party is so heartily in favor of tax revision may we be permitted to ask why the party took no step in that direction when it was in full control of every department of the State government? The evils which now exist in our system of taxation were just as flagrant under Democratic rule as they are to-day, and yet the Democratic party in its long lease of power never made any attempt whatever to bring about the much-needed changes. It was content to let the tax laws stand as they were since the war. It was satisfied with the antiquated and unequal system handed down to us by old Virginia. It had neither the courage nor the inclination to even propose a modern plan which would do away with the past and bring our tax laws up to the requirements of the times. On the other hand the Republican party's record is one of achievement, despite Democratic obstruction. It had not been long in power until the agitation for a better, fairer system began and it nobly inaugurated the reforms at the recent special session of the Legislature. It will carry them to their glorious consummation if intrusted with power again. Indeed by the past the only hope of true tax reform lies with the Republican party.

A DODGER CAUGHT.

We understand the Democratic candidate for sheriff has told some of the farmers that he would have to sell their farms for taxes on account of the recent laws enacted. It now turns out that if he will pay his proportionate share with the farmer, as the new assessment law will make him do, the farmer won't have as much to pay as he has been paying. This Democratic candidate's home is valued at \$35,000 and is on the assessor's books at \$4,100, which is less than one-eighth of its value. Now, farmers, you know at what your farms are assessed; multiply the amount by eight and see if that wouldn't make your farm run into pretty high figures. The truth of the matter is the farmer has been paying more than his share of taxes; and the object of the new law is to even things up by making such dodgers as the aforesaid candidate pay more so the farmers may pay less.

Walter Barnes, Democratic candidate for Congress, was at Clarksburg Tuesday night, as was also Mr. Cornwell, candidate for governor. According to the Telegram, neither made much of an impression on their small crowd of listeners. Of J. Walter's effort, the Telegram says:

"His speech was disconnected, disgruntled and miserable not only in thought but in delivery as well, and the audience quickly dwindled. Others went to sleep and still others felt sorry that he had attempted something that he knew so little about."

Democrats Not Hopeful.

The political events of the past week were full of encouragement for the Republicans, full of discouragement for the Democrats. There is now no attempt made to conceal the fact that Senator Gorman, of Maryland, was summoned to Democratic headquarters in New York, with the hope that his political shrewdness and experience would put his party's campaign on a better footing and correct some of the blunders Chairman Taggart was making. For the same purpose was Judge Parker summoned to the conference, and a long discussion was held over the ways and means to be employed in those States which Parker must carry to bring him anywhere near the White House. Soon after Parker's nomination Senator Gorman intimated that he would make a pilgrimage to Esopus, but he has not yet done so, nor are there at present any indications that he will be the guest of the candidate at any time in the immediate future. A strong effort was made to induce the Senator to take full charge of the campaign, but this he has positively declined to do, though if he remains in New York he will probably find that most of the work is unloaded on his shoulders. Mr. Gorman is no longer a young man, and though he is very careful about his health, he realizes that he cannot stand the same strain that he could in the years gone by. He believes in letting younger men do the hard work; but the young Mr. Taggart has proved such a failure that the Senator realizes something must be done if the Democrats would hope to make even a creditable showing in the fight for the Presidency.

Though the Democrats are claiming that they will carry New York the odds remain heavy against them, nor is there any reason to believe they will meet with success in any of the great States of the Middle West. That they are already growing desperate in that section is shown by the positive announcement that they are making a campaign of special appeal to the army of discontented, to those who are out of work and to those who would not take work if they could get it. There are always many such people in every State, even in times of the greatest prosperity, but, fortunately, there are not enough of them to cut any great figure in the result of a National election. Appeals to them are always dangerous, as they are certain to arouse the better element and unite them against a common danger. This lesson the Democrats should have thoroughly learned from the two disastrous campaigns of Mr. Bryan, who posed as a special apostle to the discontented. To resume the same policy is simply to invite another defeat.

This week will witness the formal opening of the Maryland campaign by the Republicans. The first gun will be fired by Senator Fairbanks at the Lyric on Tuesday night, and the interest already manifested in the event proves that this will be one of the greatest political gatherings ever held in Baltimore. Senator Fairbanks has been making a triumphal tour of West Virginia, arousing enthusiasm by his masterly addresses and daily adding to the strength of the National ticket. He is sure of a rousing welcome in this city. Republicans have not the slightest doubt regarding the result. There is nothing to indicate that Parker will prove any more successful than Bryan proved, and there are strong chances that he will fail to carry some of the States that gave their votes to Bryan. Even many of the Democratic leaders realize that they are making a hopeless fight.—Monday's Baltimore American.

Has Over a Hundred Members.

In talking, one of the members of the Political Equality Club this morning said that the club now numbered over one hundred members and that the sentiment toward the movement was undergoing a rapid change in its favor.

Miss Gordon, a noted lecturer of Louisiana, will make a tour of our State this fall and organize clubs in a number of the cities. It is hoped that much will be accomplished during the ensuing year and it is confidently expected that rapid strides will be taken on the road to complete recognition and equality of suffrage. On being questioned in regard to the Day Nursery idea she stated that the club, as a club, had nothing to do with this innovation and could report no progress in the movement. However, those who are agitating the nursery are making herculean efforts in its behalf and it will no doubt be instituted within a short period.

ARRESTED WHILE ATTENDING HIS FATHER'S FUNERAL.

CHESTER, W. Va., Sept. 22.—Frank Lahew, who came here from Wheeling, summoned on account of the death of his father, Jeremiah Lahew, who was killed by a fall from an apple tree, was arrested on his arrival in town on a charge of horse stealing. It is alleged that last week he hired a horse and buggy from "Arner & Brown, local liverymen, took it to Wheeling and has not returned it. He was arraigned before Justice Johnston and a hearing will be held later.

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